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FROM: **Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.** 
Director and Chief Medical Officer

SUBJECT: **DIETARY SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.-HARBOR HOSPITAL**

On March 20, 2007, your Board approved the three-month extension of various dietary contracts and continued the dietary contract extension for Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital (Hospital) for one week. The continuation was requested to address the Board's desire to reflect the Hospital's current downsized bed census in the extension contract. To provide you with some background information on these dietary contracts, the contracts are set up to adjust the monthly payments from the monthly maximum to the cost of actual meals delivered. To address your Board's specific concerns with the MLK-Harbor agreement, the Department worked with the contractor to develop a new and lower monthly maximum cost to appropriately reflect the reduced number of beds at the hospital.

Accordingly, the Department placed an item on the March 27, 2007 Board agenda, to request approval for the three-month extension agreement for the MLK-Harbor dietary agreement. The item reads as follows:

"Approve and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached Proposition A Amendment No. 7 to Agreement Number 70294 (Exhibit I) with Morrison Management Specialists Inc., dba Morrison Health Care Inc., (Morrison) for the continued provision of dietary services at Martin Luther King, Jr.-Harbor Hospital, on a month-to-month basis, effective April 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007, at a monthly cost of \$125,000, for a three month cost of \$375,000."

However, the item, as listed, inadvertently only reflects the adjustment for acute care dietary services at the Hospital, and does not include all dietary services provided under the contract.

Therefore, this is to advise your Board that the Department is amending the above recommendation to add the following language:

"for acute inpatient dietary services; and at a monthly cost of \$70,000 for a three month cost of \$210,000 under the current terms and conditions for other dietary services needs. The total estimated contract cost is \$585,000."

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The additional dietary services, which total more than 4,000 meals per month, include: 1) the 21-bed psychiatric inpatient facility, 2) pediatric and ophthalmology outpatient resident trainees and psychiatric inpatient resident trainees, 3) medical faculty and volunteers, and 4) other incidental meals related to patient care.

If you have any additional questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors